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ANDHRA PRADESH MEDICAL COUNCIL

2nd Floor, Dr.NTR UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES,
GUNADALA, VIJAYAWADA-520 008.

PUNISHMENT GIVEN TO Dr. A.SURYANARAYANA RAO, REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER FOR MISCONDUCT IN PROFESSIONAL RESPECT.

ORDER:

APMC/DC/1763/Case No.20/2014,- A complaint was made Smt.Mukkapati Anuradha against Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao, alleging negligence on his part in attending her husband Sri.M.Srinivasa Rao, which has resulted in serious complications. She has contended that the surgery had to be attended by Dr.Ravikanth Vuppu, Neuro-surgeon, whereas the respondent Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao has done the surgery. The Ethics Committee of APMC has conducted its enquiry on various dates and finally in the meeting held 22.08.2015 made its detailed observations/ recommendations and the said observations/ recommendations were considered by the newly constituted Ethics Committee in the meeting held on 30.01.2016 and confirmed the same. Taking into consideration of the Recommendations of the Ethics Committee as approved by the Executive Committee, the General Body of the Council in its meeting held on 29.03.2016 has found that there is negligence on the part of respondent, Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao, Orthopaedic Surgeon in treating the patient which led in the present condition of the patient. Accordingly, the General Body decided that the name of the respondent, Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao be removed from the Medical Register for a period of One (1) year.

In pursuance of the decision taken by the General Body of the Council, the name of the respondent, Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao was removed from the Medical Register w.e.f. 24.10.2016 for a period of One (1) year. Aggrieved by order dated 24.10.2016 communicated to him, Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao filed a Writ a Writ Petition No.37222/2016 before the Hon'ble High Court at Hyderabad and the Hon'ble High Court on 21.11.2016 has passed the following orders:

“The impugned order dated 24.10.2016 is hereby set aside. Hence, the 2nd respondent is directed to conduct the enquiry afresh as per the procedure contemplated under the Act duly providing an opportunity of hearing to the Petitioner and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law”.

In pursuance of the orders of the Hon’ble High Court the Ethics Committee commenced its enquiry afresh on 04.01.2017 duly framing the charges against Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao, communicating him the list of Witnesses, the documents on record, giving him reasonable opportunity of being heard and the assistance of Advocate of his choice and the opportunity of cross-examining the Complainant and other witnesses chosen by him. Subsequently, the Ethics Committee held its enquiry on 14.02.2017, 17.03.2017, 11.04.2017, 21.04.2017. The Ethics Committee in the meeting held on 17.05.2017 after perusal of entire material on record together with the Written Arguments of **Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao observed that in all his submissions/arguments, Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao claimed earlier this as an Arogyasri case and categorically stated that for that particular purpose only, he got the patient admitted in Manipal Hospital.** After the Surgery and upon the complaint made by Mrs. Mukkapati Anuradha, Patient’s wife, Arogyasri Authorities as well as the District Medical & Health Officer, Guntur District conducted enquiry and based on the Report, the Arogyasri authorities imposed damages on the Hospital authorities. The Hospital administration in collusion with **Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao have altered the records. Later, at the time Written Arguments, Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao** has stated that he has not been paid by Rajiv Gandhi Arogya Sri Scheme Trust and Manipal Hospital paid him, his professional/surgical fees and it can never be construed that he operated on the sly for and on behalf of Dr.Vuppu Ravikanth. **Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao claims this as his private case, nothing to do with Arogyasri Scheme** This is being done in order to get rid from the allegation of impersonation of Dr.Vuppu Ravikanth as the Surgeon under Arogyasri Scheme. The Ethics Committee came to the conclusion that the Hospital administration in collusion with Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao have altered the records. The Ethics Committee felt that Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao has violated the code of medical ethics, thus found him guilty of professional misconduct and accordingly recommends to the Council to suspend the Registration of Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao for a period of six (6) months from date of issuing the orders of the Council. **The Ethics Committee also recommends to address a letter to the District Medical & Health Officer, Guntur District to take action against Manipal Hospital.**

The General Body of the Council in its meeting held on 28.06.2017 has considered this item together with the entire material and the detailed report of the Ethics Committee placed before it as per Section-26 of Andhra Pradesh Medical Practitioners Registration Act, 1968. After detailed discussion, the General Body has approved the observations/ recommendations of the Ethics Committee and accordingly decided to suspend the Registration of Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao for a period of six (6) months from date of issuing the orders of the Council.

In pursuance of the said decision of the Council as provided in Sub-section (2) of Section-17 of the said Act, the name of Dr. A.Suryanarayana Rao is removed from the Medical Register on 01.07.2017 for a period of Six (6) months and Dr.A.Suryanarayana Rao is hereby directed to surrender his Permanent Registration Certificate bearing No. **APMC 48585** and the certificate of Registration of Additional Qualification **dated 10.02.2005** forthwith as per Sub-section(5) of Section-17 of the said Act.

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